European and Eurasian Studies Learning Goals

Students engage in the study of Europe and Eurasia, including the history, political economy, and international affairs. The program equips concentrators to analyze not only what is happening in the European Union and its member states, but also on other nations in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, including Russia, the Caucasus, and Central Asia and to understand the region’s role in the wider world. Students learn the essentials of governance - including economic governance - across Europe and Eurasia, but will also be trained to apply the regional framework for critical analysis to other geographic areas.

Learning Objectives:

1. Students will design their own program of study to achieve fixed learning outcomes as set out in the program syllabus;
2. Communicate cross-culturally by achieving proficiency in a modern European language;
3. Analyze the trends, events and ideas that have shaped today’s Europe and Eurasia;
4. Develop a broad interpretative framework for understanding the formation and evolution of the international systems of states;
5. Understand the political economy of the major Western European nation states, the European Union and European integration generally, the problems of transition in Central and Eastern Europe—including Russia;
6. Explore the transatlantic relationship and the impact of Europe and Eurasia on the United States;
7. Examine Europe’s relations with the outside world and the comparative foreign policies of countries in the region; and
8. Think, speak and write effectively about contemporary issues across Europe and Eurasia, in light of their historical, institutional, political and economic settings.